







# German Air Raid Wardens Have A Busy Time Keeping Up With Bombing Regulations

(By A Special Correspondent)

WHEN a German family got out of their house one morning, they found a large red-edged poster stuck on the front. It bore the words: "This house is a body-blown-out." Actually, they got off lightly, because ARP regulations have naturally enough been tightened up since the R.A.F. began large-scale bombing of German towns, and a fine is the more usual punishment for a black-out offence.

German ARP, always highly organized and military in character, has become more so since new regulations were made. Duty is compulsory for all citizens between 15 and 70. Women were recently called up for emergency service with the fire brigade, and it was also laid down that labour conscripts would be required to do short turns of duty with the brigade.

Household ARP, the Wardens' Service, and the rest of the Civil Defence Service have been closely associated with the police organization under Himmler for the past year. The name of the war emergency organization is Air Protection Police. In addition, there is the Air Protection League, which is responsible for propaganda and training, and is organizing the details of a series of groups, of which the smallest is concerned with the block of dwellings or a single large building.

The Wardens' Service is organized on lines very similar to those of the Nazi Party. Itself highly regimented, it has powers to regiment the German people. It is, for instance, compulsory to go into a shelter when the warning sounds, and the Warden may, if he likes, forbid the "herrenvolk" to speak in the shelters if the atmosphere is becoming polluted. Anyone who fails to comply with the regulations to take cover receives no compensation if hurt.

Publie shelters are well equipped and solidly built. Some are of the basement type, others tower or heavily protected surface shelters of several storeys. Some of the underground refuges are large enough to accommodate 15,000 people. "Table" shelters do not appear to be used at all in Germany, but there are plenty of small surface shelters.

Although there are strict rules the clearing of attics, provision of water and sandbags and in special cases the treatment of buildings with fire resistant paint, on the whole fire-fighting equipment appears to be on a less elaborate scale than in Britain. Stirrup pumps must be bought. There is no distribution of steel helmets, even for wardens and fire-fighters, who are advised to wear felt hats soaked in water as a protection against sparks. Flat roofs are wetted and wardens supplied with wet blankets in some cases.

Respirators also appear to be in short supply. The general public issue seems to be restricted, but masks can be bought for about five shillings. For wardens there are special gas-proof clothing.

Air raid everybody is expected to clear up, but at the same time unauthorized entry into the ruins is strictly prohibited, so that too much news of the damage shall not leak out. In some cases, however, the price of idle curiosity has been paid heavily, and the authorities have compelled all sightseers to stop and help clear up the debris.

Air raid damage is repaired only when considered essential, and there is no cash compensation paid for damage. Relief for bombed-out Germans is the responsibility of the Nazi Party and not, as in this country, in the hands of local authorities. Party officials thus manage to earn a certain amount of gratitude as insurance against lowered moral and loyalty which might be caused by heavy bombing.

## Covers Large Area

Patrol Of Greenland Big Task For American Coast Guard Cutters

Greenland is vast and is generally conceived, states Kurt Singer in Travel Magazine. If the southern tip of Greenland were placed on the Gulf of Mexico, the northern extremity would extend as far as Manitoba, Canada. In 736,518 square miles equal the area of all the 26 states of the U.S.

And all that great area is populated by only 17,000 Eskimos and some 500 whites, mostly Danes who are government employees of the island's administration. The patrol of such an area is a steep task for American coast guard forces. Those who are familiar with the situation as it stands are consequently convinced that the Nazis try to smuggle secret agents into Greenland, equipped with short-wave transmitters.

## Greatest Newspaper

**I** is the One Published In Your Own Home Town

The Bowmannville Statesman says: A famous newspaper publisher recently made this statement: "The greatest newspaper in the world today is not the New York Times nor the London Times, but your own local newspaper; it alone gives you your life and breathes of home."

How true are these words! Johnny is born in a town and grows up there and if that town has a newspaper, the history of Johnny's life will be chronicled in its columns. From Johnny's birth, his christening, his progress at studies, in sports and community activities, right through to his entrance into business or a profession. It is all there, from time to time, for him to read, and for friends to read, and ready to be clipped for family scrapbooks. What large daily in any great city carries items of equal interest to those folk?

A story comes from Ottawa of a prominent citizen who was honored for distinguished service. The metropolitan papers across the country played it up but the writeup which thrilled this man the most and brought a glint to his eyes was the one appearing "back home," the town he had left 20 years before.

## The Humble Potato

South American Indians First To Learn Its Food Value

A nation-wide shortage of potatoes in this country that has taken this staple article of diet for granted since the first settlers from the Old Land chose their first acres is causing the humble spud to assume an importance that had seldom enjoyed before. Elizabeth when the intrepid Sir Walter Raleigh, returning from one of his expeditions to the New World, introduced the mealy tubers to Britain. It is doubtful if many persons have even a hazy knowledge of the origin of the potato and its first use by human beings as food. There is a tendency with some to associate the potato's origin with Ireland because through necessity the poor people of the Emerald Isle have been great potato eaters for centuries.

The potato is an Irishman by adoption and cultivation, not by origin. It is a native of South America and long before white men learned of its food value, Indians used it as one of their main articles of diet, roasting the spuds in the same fires that baked their cakes made from coarsely-ground corn flour.

Spanish conquistadors and their ravaging armies became acquainted with the goodness of the potato in Peru and introduced the tuber to culture and production in Europe in the 16th century. It was from that European source or more probably from the potatoes that Raleigh introduced to England that the Irish got their first seed potatoes.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

## Non-Magnetic Building

No Trace Of Iron Or Steel Used In Construction

Because it will be used for the assembly and adjustment of magnetic compasses and precision instruments for aircraft, a non-magnetic building recently completed at Elmhurst, Queens, N.Y., is without a trace of iron or steel anywhere in its structure. In place of these metals, brass, copper, aluminum and wood are used for conduit, pipes, nails, bolts and girders. Some of the pipes are terra cotta instead of cast iron. Brick was used for the outer wall. Brick was used for the outer wall.

### HOW IT WORKS

A small business man in Boise, Idaho, discussing difficulties of wartime operation, made this report: "I normally employ 22 persons. During 1942 there were 183 names on the payroll, and of these only four, including myself, were there at both the start and end of the year."

One-third of the able-bodied men in the entire Chinese empire were conscripted by Emperor Shih Hwang Ti to help build the Great Wall.

Wing Officer Willa Walker



—R.C.A.F. Photo.

First woman officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force to hold the rank, Wing Officer Willa Walker has been promoted from the rank of Squadron Officer, according to an announcement from Air Force Headquarters in Ottawa. The rank is equivalent to that of Wing Commander for men. Senior Women's Division Staff Officer in Ottawa, Wing Officer Walker was member of the first class of 150 recruits accepted for training in the R.C.A.F. Women's Division. She is the daughter of Col. A. A. Magee, of Montreal, and her husband, Captain David Walker, is a prisoner of war in Germany.

## Not Just Ornamental

Some Hotels In London Now Have Swan On Menus

The London Evening Standard says: Swan, once a highly-prized standard of the London Table, is appearing on the menus of some hotels.

"But if you are offered a swan," he said, "make sure it is a young one—a cygnet. A swan is a muscular bird and the meat is tough and stringy in the adult stage. The only thing to do with a full grown swan is to stew it for a long time.

The classic way of cooking a cygnet is to make a stuffing of minced rump steak, and herbs, mixed with port wine: roast for 15 minutes to the pound, and serve with beef gravy to which port wine, lemon juice and red currant jelly have been added.

Falling this method of preparation, it is usually cooked in the same way as wild duck.

The manager of the poultry department of a West End store said that the cygnets are coming from private swanries. Their retail price ranges from 35s for a young bird of about 18 lb. to 50s.

### COSTS PLENTY

The camel-hair brush being one of the casualties of the war, it has been replaced for artistic uses by the small tuft of fine, silky hair to be found in the cow's ear. And this hair, believe it or not, is valued at about \$15 a pound.

Actors in ancient Greek tragedies wore high heels to give them added height.

## To Avoid Waste

Some Useful Hints On Meat Care Everyone Should Know

The packer and butcher take scrupulous care of meat while it is in their hands. It is just as important that proper care be given to meat in the home in order that waste and spoilage may be avoided.

Here are some tips on meat care from the Consumer Section of the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

The wrapping paper should be removed from meat as soon as it comes from the butcher. If this is not done the paper acts as a blotter, drawing out some of the juices of the meat, the surface of the meat is kept moist and spoilage occurs more quickly.

Meat should be kept as cold as possible. Uncooked meat should be covered lightly, preferably with waxed paper. Cooked meat should be allowed to cool uncovered, then be closely covered to prevent drying and kept cold. Ground meat, either raw or cooked, will spoil quickly than unground meat and should always be used promptly.

Left over stews or soups which have been cooked with potatoes or thickened with flour will spoil quickly and should be used promptly.

Meat should be wiped with a damp cloth. Washing is necessary only with the organ meats where clotted blood has to be removed and sometimes with smoked hams.

Light from the sun reaches the earth in a little more than eight minutes.

## Helped Rid Africa Of Axis Forces

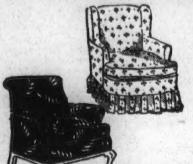


Typical of the Royal Canadian Air Force fliers who have helped rid Africa of the Axis forces, these youthful Canadians pause a moment beside one of their Spitfires at an advanced North African aerodrome. In this picture, just received by bomber, the four (left to right) are: Flight Sergeant M. A. Perkins of Melfort, Sask.; Flight Sergeant E. G. Shea, of Moose Jaw, Sask.; Flight Sergeant Don Gordon of Vancouver; Flight Sergeant W. J. Steele, of Montreal and Flight Sergeant F. D. Schofield, of Montreal West, Que.

# Canadian Navy Has Been Providing Half The Escort Ships For Atlantic Convoys

WHEN war broke out the Canadian Government and the naval staff fully realized that the main duty of the Canadian Navy was to be the provision of escorts for merchant ship convoys crossing the Atlantic. The Canadian Navy has been composed of small ships, and the outbreak of war found it with only destroyers and auxiliary craft at its command. Nevertheless, small as these ships were, they were ready to take their part in the big job. So ready, in fact, that six days after war was declared the first convoy left a Canadian port with Canadian destroyers as its escort.

## Smart Slip Covers To Make Yourself



7397

by Alice Brooks

"Make your own" is the modern slogan! So if you need new slip covers to protect good furniture or to hide shabby pieces, order these simple slip covers. They are easy to cut, fit and finish like a professional. Instructions 7397 contain step-by-step directions and information for making slip covers for varied chairs and sofas.

To obtain this pattern send twenty cents in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) to Household Arts Department, Writing Newsweek, 175 McDermott Avenue E., Winnipeg, Man. Be sure to write plainly your Name, Address and Pattern Number.

Send a sketch of the furniture and the name of the pattern you want. The name of the pattern may be taken off the label of our pattern box.

Delivery of our patterns may take a few days longer than usual!

**THE PROLIFIC WEEDS**  
Weeds are prolific. It is estimated that a single plant of turnip mangel-wurzel can grow 50,000 seeds; shepherd's purse about 50,000; and wild mustard, stinkweed, foxtail, pigweed, and campion from 20,000 to 10,000 seeds each.

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It is, however, not alone in the sinking of submarine that the success or otherwise of the Battle of the Atlantic can be measured. Such sinkings are satisfying proof of the effectiveness of the escort ships—but nevertheless they are the highlights on a very broad canvas. The real measure of success is that, despite the best or worse Hitler's Navy can do, the lifeline between the old world and the new has not been broken.

## Building Wooden Ships

Japs Rushing Construction To Make Up For Huge Losses

The Japanese are rushing construction of wooden ships in the occupied territories to make up for their huge shipping losses in the Pacific, Dutch sources reported at London.

According to the Dutch newspaper Vrij Nederland, they have taken over all the wooden shipbuilding establishments and ordered that wooden ships be built wherever possible in the occupied areas with the government supplying the money and raw materials.

One of the most important centres for wooden shipbuilding, established at Ambon in the Dutch East Indies, was recently raided by the Allies.

### FEELING OF SECURITY

When a man has held a job for six months prior to enlistment, that job is his upon demobilization, is the definite ruling from Ottawa and that is as it should be. There will be a feeling of security for the men and women in the services when they know that they will stick back into civilian life and back into their former jobs.

Modern railway track lasts approximately 20 years before it must be replaced.



WORLD HAPPENINGS  
BRIEFLY TOLD

Seventy locomotives and 700 freight cars were imported from the U.S. to see the Allied landings through to a successful campaign in North Africa.

Industries established in Great Britain by refugees will provide work for 300,000 British workers after the war, it was estimated in an article in the London periodical Spectator.

Rubber seeds have been dropped by parachutes to speed production of the vital war material in inaccessible areas of the Belgian Congo, it was reported by the Belgian news agency.

British officials have decided to suspend making of air raid precautions badges because of the need for restriction in the use of material and labor for essential war purposes.

Adolf Hitler has signed a decree continuing indefinitely his tenure as one-man boss of Germany. The German radio said the decree was published in the German legal gazette.

Japan has decreed that the 17,000 sacred cedars of Nikko, the temple town, be set free from their sanctity and cut down to supply wood for a large fleet of junks for use along the Japanese coast.

Allied planes moved 12,000 casualties from hospital stations to base hospitals during the Tunisian campaign, saving them days of ground transportation. Eight hospital trains were operated.

The Nazi authorities in the "protectionary" of Bohemia-Moravia were reported to have imposed a special tax on Czechoslovak citizens as "compensation" for not being compelled to undertake military service at the front.

## Soft Shirtwaister



4272

By ANNE ADAMS

Be smartly on-the-job—in this soft-colored pattern! Pattern 4272 is a slimming design. Pattern 4272 is your slimming. There's fashion news in side-front skirt pleats that give ease without spoiling the slim silhouette lines. Use the stitching—or the collar in pattern.

Pattern 4272 is available only in sizes 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46 and 48. Size 36 takes 3½ yards 25-inch fabric.

Send twenty cents (20c) in coins (stamp cannot be accepted) to this address: Anne Adams, Pattern Dept., Winnipeg Apparels, Union, 175 McDowell Ave., E., Winnipeg, Man. "Because of the slowness of the mail, delivery of our patterns may take a few days longer than usual."

## NATURALLY NOT

Channing Follett tells this story: At 14 I made my first railroad journey alone, from Salt Lake City to Belleville, Kan. One of the passengers, a stockily built man, took an interest in me; frankly amused when I gave my views on Byron and Dickens.

At last he inquired whether I had read "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes."

"Don't you think?" I inquired pointedly, "that detective stories are a waste of time?"

My friend grimmed widely. "Well, no, I don't," he said. "You see, I write 'em. My name is A. Conan Doyle."

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## Tribute To Sir Edward Beatty



The "Distinguished Civic Service Award" for 1942 was presented posthumously to Sir Edward Beatty, G.B.E., K.C., LL.D., D.C.L., long-time chairman and president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, recently at a ceremony in the board room of the Windsor Station, Montreal. Dr. Henry A. Beatty, of Toronto, Sir Edward's brother, accepted the award, a beautiful silver tray, suitably inscribed, from T. Taggart Smyth, president of the City Improvement League of Montreal, one of the many

projects for city betterment to which Sir Edward gave so generously of his time and talents. D. C. Coleman, chairman and president of the Canadian Pacific, expressed the warm appreciation the company's officers felt at the honor paid their former chief. Pictured here, beneath the picture of Lord Mount Stephen, first chairman and president of the company, are: Left to right: Senator Donat Raymond, Mrs. James Biebly, Henry G. Birks, pro-mayor of the City of Montreal, who spoke for Mayor Adhemar Raynaud, who was out of the city;

Senator Charles P. Beaubien, who spoke for St. Justine's Hospital; Dr. Donald A. Hingston, president, Montreal City and District Savings Bank; Mr. Coleman; Mr. Smyth; Dr. Endore Dubau, dean, Université de Montréal; Dr. Beatty; Sir Montagu Allen; Senator Athanase David; Chief Justice S. Lethourneau; René Morin, chairman, Board of Governors, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation; Dr. Milton L. Hézey, past president, City Improvement League; Victor Dore, superintendent of education, Province of Quebec; Justice E. Fabre, Quebec.

—Canadian Pacific photo.

## In Spite Of Decree

## Dutch Growers Have Named A New And Kept Dry

In successful sheep raising, nutrition with other animals, plays an important part. Half-starved sheep become a liability. The canary should be fed protein, lucerne and nutritious pastures in summer; legume roughage, oats, wheat, and bran in winter, and a liberal constant supply of minerals.

Sheep are very sensitive to dampness. Any barn which does not keep the feet and coats of sheep dry will prove a failure. Light is just as important. As a rule, one square foot of window for each 20 square feet of floor space is sufficient.

"Irish" potatoes were first developed in Peru, in the time of the Incas.

The human body contains six billion muscle cells.

## MARKED IN ARABIC

All cheese in Egypt must now be in the absence of this marking, importers have to arrange with the customs authorities to have the origin mark applied to each unit of merchandise in Arabic characters before withdrawal from customs.

## THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



## REG'LAR FELLERS—A Good Citizen



BY GENE BYRNES

## Goes Back To Sea

## Being Shipwrecked Did Not Bother 16-Year-Old Boy

Young Peter Clegg was born 16 years ago in a cottage on top of the hill in the village of Crossfield. His father was a seaman. His grandfather, too, and his father's grandfather. And like them, Peter wanted to go to sea.

The Atlantic Ocean took Peter's father in 1940. His mother begged her boy to stay ashore. She wanted him to be a doctor. But 12 months ago Peter joined the Merchant Navy—with a sad mother's blessing. He crossed the Atlantic as a ship's boy, and came home safely.

Recently Peter's ship was sunk in mid-Atlantic. A strong swimmer, he managed to clamber into a boat with six others of the crew.

The third officer of the ship told the rest of the crew: "We're not going to die," he said. "Our rations were cut to two biscuits and half a cup of water a day. Three of the men became delirious.

"We hadn't noticed Peter much. He sat quietly curled up, almost enjoying himself, it seemed.

"He grabbed one man who tried to walk overboard, and for the next three days, until we were picked up, told the three sick men stories to calm them down.

"Then, on the rescue ship he, too, collapsed."

They brought Peter back to England—but couldn't keep him. He has gone back to sea again—London Daily Sketch.

## HELPING WAR EFFORT

In an effort to help Canada's war effort, a middle-aged farmer who went blind three years ago has started a chicken ranch in a small town in southern Saskatchewan. The project was launched under the direction of the Canadian Institute for the Blind.

## MICKIE SAYS—

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LETTERHEADS, CARDS,  
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THEM TO ORDER FOR  
YOU, AND THEY ARE  
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FOR YOUR BUSINESS!



More than 27,000 blue boxes were raised on fur farms in Sweden this year.

## LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher





